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In re patent application of

Applicant: Michael J. Towler et al.
Serial No.: 10/087,660
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Art Unit: 2871
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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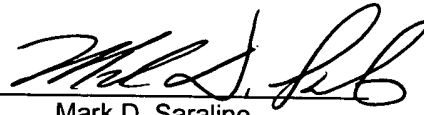
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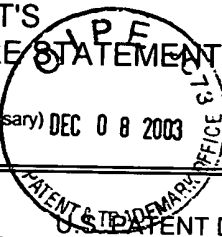
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	1 070 981	1/24/2001	EP				
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